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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, although I do not intend to object, I would yield to the gentleman for an explanation of his request.

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague and friend from California for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, the concurrent resolution before us allows the Enrolling Clerk to make a technical correction in the conference report to H.R. 1.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I thank the gentleman for his explanation.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1109

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1109.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. MENENDEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I take this time to inquire about next week's schedule.

I am pleased to yield to the distinguished majority leader.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has completed its legislative business for the week.

The House will next meet for legislative business on Tuesday, December 18, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debate, and 2 o'clock p.m. for legislative business. The House will consider a number of measures under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices tomorrow. On Tuesday, no recorded votes are expected before 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to report that we are continuing to work very hard on the economic security package. It is my hope that I will be able to schedule it for consideration in the House on next Tuesday night.

On Wednesday and the balance of the week, the House will consider the following measures to complete our business for the year: The Labor, Health

and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Conference Report; the Department of Defense Appropriations Conference Report; and the Foreign Operations Appropriations Conference Report.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, am I to understand from the gentleman's statement that Members should expect the stimulus bill on the floor Tuesday after the votes at 6:30?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that inquiry. I can see that quiet look of confident optimism on the face of the gentleman from New York (Mr. RANGEL) behind the gentleman, so it encourages me, knock on wood.

Mr. Speaker, I would say this is a very important piece of legislation. It is important to the Nation.

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We are working hard in this conference, and I believe we are working in good faith with one another. We are preparing ourselves for the completion of the year's work which we would anticipate would involve our being able to do the stimulus package Tuesday night and the remaining appropriations bills. That will mean that there will be a lot of very hard work done in all of these conferences between now and then. But I believe the time is drawing near that we must redouble our efforts and come to these opportunities for closure.

So I would tell our Members that we would expect that we would be able to go to work on the floor and have the debate on a rule regarding the stimulus package between 5:30 and 6:30 on Tuesday evening next; we would expect to have the suspension votes and that rule vote; and then, after that period of time, sometime Tuesday night, 7:00, 7:30, we would be expecting to be taking up debate on the stimulus package.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

I have two further questions. The broadband Tauzin-Dingell bill is not on the schedule. Does that mean it is not going to happen in this year?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, let me again thank the gentleman for the question. Mr. Speaker, I believe the broadband bill should be expected sometime in March of next year.

Mr. MENENDEZ. March of next year.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I see that the gentleman is saying that we hope to end on Thursday. Can Members expect to be done for the year on Thursday?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for the inquiry, and let me just say to the gentleman, with all my heart I hope so, and to the very best of my ability to understand it, I expect so.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, would the gentleman yield?

Mr. MENENDEZ. I am happy to yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I would appreciate it if the majority leader could

respond to one question. As he knows, one of the contentious items still remaining is the final disposition of the supplemental, and the issue within that that is causing the most heartburn is whether there will be any significant increase in funding for homeland security.

In light of the fact that I note today that a coalition of Mayors and Governors have appealed to the Congress and the White House to provide funds in addition to those being requested by the administration for things such as aid to local communities for homeland security costs and aid to local communities to upgrade their public health services; and in light of the fact that Governor Engler has been one of the lead spokesmen on that, I would simply ask the gentleman, again, within the leadership circles on that side of the aisle, to urge that we listen to those expressions of concern and find a way to provide at least the amount that was provided in the Senate action early last week on homeland security.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, let me thank the gentleman for those observations, and if the gentleman from New Jersey would continue to yield, let me just say that we have great confidence in the conferees on this bill. We obviously understand, and the President has said repeatedly, that additional requests in order to repair the damage that has been inflicted to compensate for the hardships endured and prepare America for a reaffirmation of its own soundness is something that he expects to send to us early next year, and it may be that many of these eleventh-hour requests will be considered in the White House at that time. I thank the gentleman for his interest.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for yielding. I hope that we can respond to the Governors' and the Mayors' request this year rather than next.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his answers, and I simply hope that on the stimulus package we can certainly respond to the growing unemployment needs of working men and women who have suffered as a result of September 11. As we seek to finalize that work, hopefully we can also give them hope as we approach the holiday season.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

HOURLY MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the